

OLL 85-1877  
20 June 1985

HFAC

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Request from George Berdes, House Foreign Affairs  
Committee, for a Briefing on Salvador

25X1 1. On 20 June, [ ] asked me to return a call, on  
her behalf, to George Berdes, HFAC, who advised me that  
25X1 Chairman Fascell wishes to schedule a joint CIA/State  
briefing for the HFAC on "what happened in Salvador" on  
21 June 1985. I told George that CIA does not participate in  
joint briefings with State and he had no objections to  
25X1 separate briefings. I told him that I would pass his request  
to the appropriate office. I discussed this request with [ ]  
25X1 [ ] who suggested that I call [ ] in the DI. I  
25X1 called [ ] and advised her of Berdes' request. [ ] told me  
that it was too early for a briefing; that we (CIA) do not  
25X1 know that much; that we are waiting for some intelligence;  
that she had one piece of State correspondence on the  
25X1 terrorist act; and that the information we have was provided  
by State. She added that if they (HFAC) watch the 6 o'clock  
25X1 news, they would know as much as we know. I discussed [ ]  
response with [ ] and then called Berdes and summarized [ ]  
25X1 response to his request. He was outraged and launched into a  
tirade containing a series of questions and comments, ranging  
from whether the Agency [ ] was  
saying that the Agency was refusing to give a briefing. In  
each instance I repeated what I told him initially based on  
the information obtained from the DI. Berdes concluded his  
comments saying that this is the reason the Agency has a poor  
reputation with Committee members.

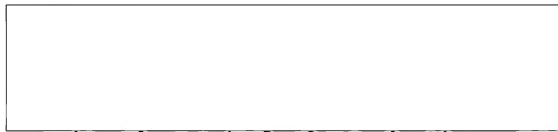
25X1 2. I then briefed [ ] on my conversations  
25X1 with [ ] initial reaction was that there  
must be something, for example a backgrounder, on the various  
anti-government forces in Salvador, that DI could do to  
satisfy Berdes' request. We considered asking the DI to  
provide such a briefing, but decided against it.

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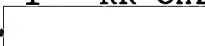
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**TO:** Addendum to:  
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dated 20 June 1985 (OLL 85-1877)

On 24 June 1985 I phoned [redacted]  
and [redacted] DI/ALA. No new info.

I phoned Brady, HFAC Staff  
Director, and Smeeton, Minority Staff  
and apologized - said we could have  
sent a generalist even though we had  
no unique info. Neither expressed any  
further interest. Smeeton observed  
that "George Berdes was born angry."

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